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Do “good” clothes make “good” friends?

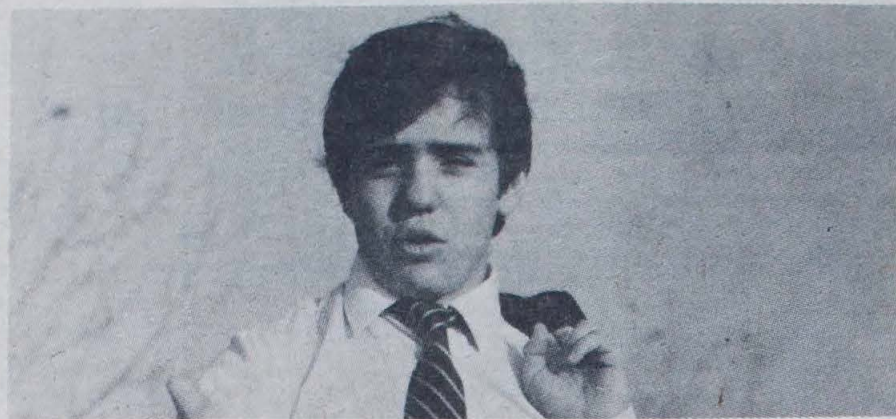
Do teens really think that the way to acceptance is to wear Izods, Polos and Calvin Kleins? In the second part of our Rich Kid/Poor Kid series, Reporter Kevin Reed

looks at this \$250 question. His all-city teen survey reveals new facts about how designer clothes can affect a teen's social life. Our story is on page 3.

Inside

While some teens are looking to win big prizes (see the “New Teaser” on page 4) ... other teens have already won them (see a Chicago teen's prize-winning TV script on page 11).

Inside Track



State bars teen politician

When 16-year-old Adam Freedman read that no one was on the ballot for an election in his Chicago suburban township, he didn't shake his head and read on. Instead, he told himself that he could win that election — and he did.

A junior at Glenbrook high school in Glenview, Adam recruited 20 friends to serve as his campaign workers. He spent \$80 on brochures and campaigned door-to-door. His efforts brought in a total of 50 votes — enough to beat the 13 other write-in candidates for the job of School Board Trustee.

But there was a hitch. Adam is only 16,

and Illinois state law requires elected officials to be at least 18.

"I did look into the possibility of challenging the age laws, but that didn't seem like a very reasonable option," Adam said after consulting several lawyers.

When Adam decided that he couldn't buck the system on his own, he offered to lead a petition drive to have his father replace him as school trustee. The 140 signatures Adam secured for his father were enough to convince officials to go along with the idea.

Even though he was denied the office, Adam feels he did get his point across. "There is a feeling among many students that since they can't vote, they can't make a difference," he said.

Bennet Singer

The Case of the Missing School Rules

UP-DATE

Last month we printed an article on the recently approved Chicago school discipline code and what was to be expected. In that article, District Superintendent William Finch, head of the Discipline Task Force, stated that handbooks would be issued to students explaining the code, but, "in the meantime, the rules are to be enforced."

Two months have passed since the Board of Education approved the code, yet there have been no progress reports on the plan. Newspapers are the only reason that Carolyn Cone, a student at Mather, knew about the code. She says that the code has never been mentioned at her school.

The situation at Carver, however, is quite different. According to Carmen Walker, "Teachers read the rules to us from the **Tribune** and warned us of what would happen if we violated them. They admitted that what they knew had come from the newspapers. Some of the kids laughed because some of the offenses, like running in the halls, sounded too silly



Photo by Daisy Morrow

to punish someone for."

A South Side high school dean says that a code like this one can't be followed exactly by everyone because it has to be tailored to fit the needs of a particular school.

Mr. Finch also promised that parents and teachers would discuss the code at school meetings, but Sharon King, mother of a West Side high school student, says that she goes to every meeting and, "it (the discipline code) has not been mentioned yet."

When Side Tracks referred this information to a Chicago lawyer he said, "If rules by which students must govern their actions are not reasonably available to them, that would be a denial of due process of law," (due process is every citizen's right).

Donna Branton

New automatic draft-registration

NATIONAL/STATE

Rusty Martin is the first known teen in this country to be "constructively registered" for the draft. In November he received a letter from the District Attorney in northern Iowa telling him that the District Attorney's office had collected the necessary information to register him and that the Selective Service now considered him registered for military service.

Martin wrote to the Selective Service office in Washington, D.C. and asked that his name be removed.

In Chicago, the U.S. Attorney's Office and the F.B.I. claim that neither of them is familiar with Rusty Martin's case. Neither of these Chicago offices is "con-

structively registering" teens at this time.

Asst. U.S. Attorney William Coulson of the Chicago office said that his office would prosecute non-registrants, who can face a penalty of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. He said that the F.B.I. was now investigating in this area. Earlier, the Chicago F.B.I. office told us that they were not investigating non-registrants at this time.

More than 600,000 babies were born to unmarried women in the U.S. last year. And because many of these unmarried women end up on welfare, the Illinois Department of Public Aid is considering an end to welfare payments for unmarried pregnant women with no dependents according to the **Chicago Tribune**.

Most of these pregnant women

without dependents are teenagers.

According to the **Tribune**, there is evidence that some teenaged girls use pregnancy as a way to get a public aid income of their own so that they can become independent of their family. The argument is that without the promise of an ADC check these women might try harder to avoid pregnancy.

But when **New Expression** approached the Illinois Department of Public Aid, an official told us that the department isn't considering cutting back on the payments or ending welfare payments to unmarried pregnant women with no dependents. But, like other social programs, ADC may become a victim of the Reagan budget cuts.

Seniors may be required to send their parents' federal income tax returns

along with their Pell Grant (BEOG) application this year. The Department of Education, which awarded money to 2,700,000 college students through Pell last year, believes that it was cheated out of \$300 million because the government didn't demand verified information about family income when they awarded the grants.

Drastic changes will be made by 1983-84 in the Pell Grant program to reduce the amount of over-payment. One of these positive changes includes the revision of the application so that it will be easier to fill out and process. Financial aid officials are also considering using these changes with other student aid programs such as SEOG, College Work Study, and the National Direct Student Loan.

January is the month to begin the Pell Grant application process.

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by Kevin Reed

Are these prices too steep for a teen to pay out of his own pocket? Apparently not, according to Robert D. Avla of Tom Oleshei #1 Discount and Fashion. "The prices are rather high on some items, but teens are dishing out the money for these items. I don't know how, but they are," he said.

A fashionable wardrobe this winter could cost a male about \$180 to \$200 for two pairs of corduroys, a down vest, a tweed blazer, two oxford shirts and a thick shetland sweater, according to Avla. A girl's wardrobe would cost about \$45 more.

Since teens and young adults normally feel that they must be fashionable or G.Q., designers

count on young people to buy new clothes each season to keep up and "look good."

And teens are keeping designers busy, according to a **New Expression** survey of 154 students from high schools across the city. **New Expression** found that 71 percent of students polled have purchased at least one item of designer clothing this year.

The problem today is that teens find it much harder with inflation to earn enough money to keep G.Q., and those who can't keep up often feel excluded from social groups that they want to join.

"Most teens are smart enough to realize how to get identity through clothing," said Dr. John Reitzer, a sociologist at Roosevelt University. "Some teens feel that if they

form their own groups, and if they have labels on them, then they're indicating that they're the ones with money and class."

They also look at themselves as being the group above their other friends because of the labeling on the clothes they wear," Reitzer said.

The N.E. survey indicates that teens agree with Reitzer's observations. Of those polled, most (58 percent) said that clothing plays "a major part" in determining who is accepted into exclusive social groups.

Dr. Reitzer feels that some lower-income teens say to themselves, "If everybody else is wearing them, then what the heck... if I scrape up what little money I do have to purchase them, then I won't be left out."

The private high schools tried to solve this problem of money pressure and "being left out" by establishing school uniforms. For six hours a day, at least, teens in many private schools can't use their personal wardrobes to exclude one another from groups.

Lorna Legion of Seton and Sandra Smith of Longwood both admit that their uniforms reduce the pressure on them. Lorna said that she would never be able to get her wardrobe together every day to be coordinated. "That takes a lot of time," she said.

But even the uniforms can be used as a means of setting people into groups. "Our uniforms are colored by our grade in school," Sandra said. "And you see groups with the same colors sticking together. Freshmen and sophomores try to avoid looking like underclassmen before and after school by always having other clothes that they can change into."

Catholic students aren't the only ones who wear uniforms. Sometimes certain cliques in the public schools set their own dress codes. Designer clothes clubs are now organizing in some high schools. (See story on this page.)

Renee Zouders, a junior at Julian, says that she's noticed that certain people sit together at lunch — for example, people who are all wearing Levi's, Izods and Nikes.

It seems to her that if a person who doesn't dress like them comes over and sits with them, they will tend to ignore that person

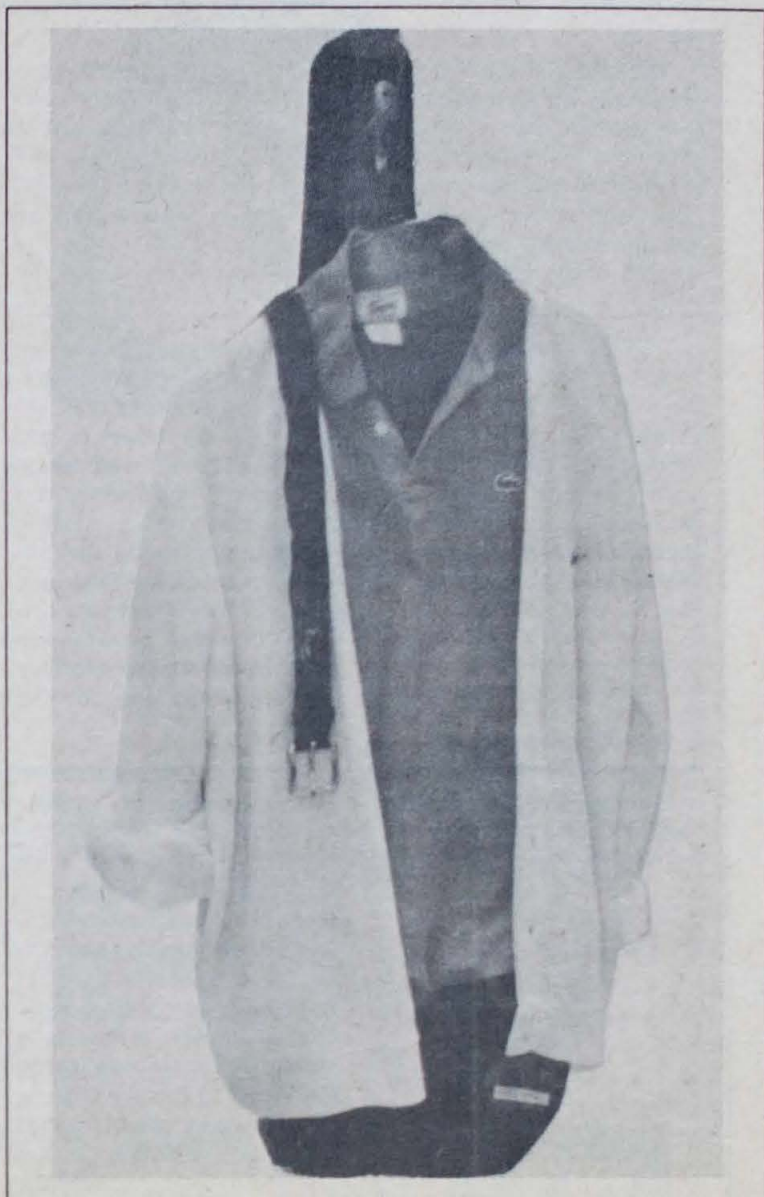


Photo by Jeffrey Hines

as if he/she wasn't there.

Kristy Abeinothy, a sophomore from Corliss, doesn't believe that most teens really recognize that they do include or exclude people by their clothing. But a **New Expression** survey offers evidence that teens do understand the influences of clothes. The teens in the survey wrote:

"It [clothes discrimination] has been existing for quite some time in one form or another and will continue," a sophomore (male) from Morgan Park Academy.

"I don't like it, but I can't do anything about it," a sophomore (female) from St. Scholastica's.

"I think it stinks!" a sophomore (female) from C.V.S.

"It's sad because everyone can't afford nice clothes," a junior (male) from Mendel.

"It's true for all social groups. People pick their friends," a senior (female) from St. Ignatius.

According to the **New Expression**'s survey, teens buy designer clothes not because of peer pressure (5 percent) and not to show off (11 percent), but because they "enjoy wearing designer clothes" (77 percent).

This enjoyment goes only so far, however. Teens in the survey admit that when clothes become the ticket to joining social cliques, an unfortunate situation arises. In the words of a Westinghouse senior, "That's sad!"

Collins originates designer clubs

by Candy Osborne

Schools are now organizing around the designer clothes fad. At Collins, the PCA (Polo Izod Association) is two months old. According to PCA member Darroll Finley, the club requires members to wear Polo shirts and Izod shirts, leather gym shoes or penny loafers.

"We have to be voted into the club," Darroll said. "And the club discriminates against baggies because baggies are generic and have already been played out."

"We promote general activities in our school and we turn the money over to the senior class."

"Before we had the club,

people were shouting 'Disciples' and 'Stones,' but since we organized, all you can hear is 'PCA,'" Darroll said.

Darroll maintains that on three days a week (Mon., Wed., Fri.), PCA members must all be in their designer uniforms.

"Some of the other clubs down-rate our symbol, the pyramid, but I think that the majority of the students and teachers like the club," Darroll said.

Another Collins student, Arthur Richards, doesn't belong to PCA. "Other students aren't pressured to join," he said, "and I don't want to be a member because I don't like the shirts. I think they cost too much!"

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The good news is ...

The CTA does NOT plan to eliminate student discounts this year in order to increase their revenues. An article in the **Chicago Sun-Times** on Jan. 7 reporting that fact was inaccurate according to Bill Baxa, of the CTA public relations office.

And the bad news is ...

The CTA is considering a price increase in student pass cards from \$2 to \$5 according to sources. If the basic fare price is increased in April, the student price will also be raised.

During Christmas week President Reagan's office ordered the Justice Dept. to stop prosecuting young men who have not registered for the draft until he made his decision about the future of the draft. On Jan. 8 President Reagan extended that clemency for 60 day.

On January 8 the President's office announced that registration of men for the draft will continue even though he told the voters during his campaign that he did not believe in a peace-time draft. Edwin Meese, who made the announcement for the President, said that after 60 days of clemency that the government might seek out those who have not registered and counsel them.

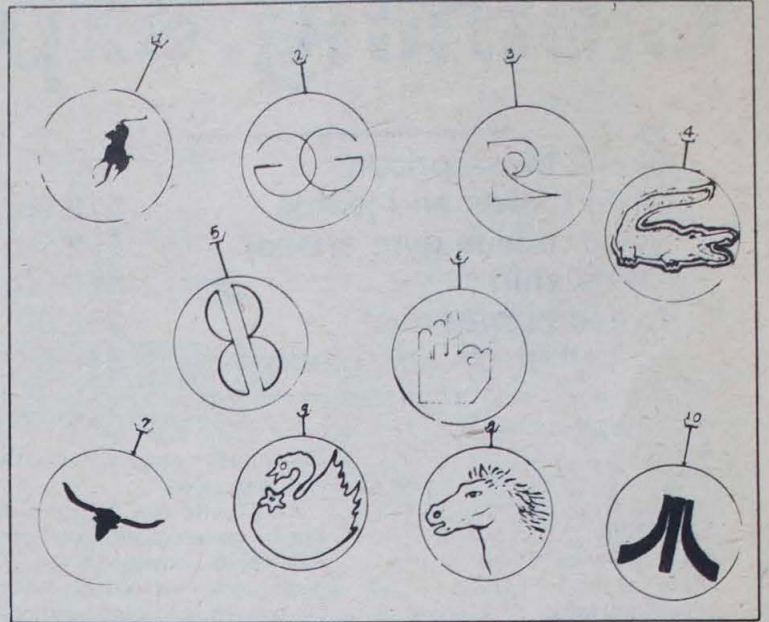
The Chicago Police force reports that the teen crime rate in 1981 was down over 1980.

The number of juvenile criminals being jailed in Chicago is up 119 percent since last year. This increase in teens being jailed will continue to overcrowd facilities and slow up the progress of their rehabilitation programs, says Donald Jensen of the John Howard Assn., an organization that works to improve prisons. The increase is due to a rise in the seriousness of youth crime — more teen murderers, rapists and teens.

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Myths & facts about pregnancy at 16

by Sydney Barren

"It's obviously seen that Jonathan is retarded, but still he is my son, and I love him." Jonathan's mother, Monique Thomas, gave birth to Jonathan when she was 17-years-old.

It is still unclear why Jonathan was born retarded, but according to the March of Dimes Foundation, adolescent mothers have the highest rate of infant deaths and physically defective babies of any age group. Teenage girls between 13 and 18, or even younger, are able to conceive and bear children, but their bodies are not mature biologically. Biological maturity for a woman is generally reached at or during the eighteenth year.

Monique's problems turned out to be emotional as well as physical. When Jonathan's father found out that his son was mentally retarded, he told Monique, "I am not going to raise a nut. He's your baby so you take care of him." Monique's parents are now paying for their grandson's treatment and are helping their daughter raise him. "When my parents and I prayed and prayed that Jonathan's condition would improve, it helped. He's not quite as normal as some children his age, but he's getting there," Monique said.

These physical risks that a teenaged woman faces during pregnancy and birth can be reduced. According to Dr. Philip Williams, gynecologist and pediatrician at St. Joseph Hospital, "Young teenage mothers have more premature babies because they do not go to a doctor early enough." A doctor who diagnoses a pregnancy during the first three months can do more to feed the fetus properly through prescribing the mother's diet than a doctor who attends the pregnancy when it is far along.

Underdevelopment of a baby's body is the main cause of infant death both at the time of birth and immediately following birth. The teenaged mother has more premature or low-birth-weight babies than any other age group. A common result of this infant "underdevelopment" is epilepsy, cerebral palsy, toxemia and mental retardation.

Last year 18 percent of the babies born to mothers younger than 15-years-old in this country weighed less than 5½ pounds and were classed as "premature," according to a Planned Parenthood study. The number dropped to seven percent among mothers between the ages of 16 and 19.

"It is very important for a pregnant girl to consult a doctor or to go to a clinic near her house so that a doctor can tell her what nutritious foods to eat during her pregnancy. Teenage mothers need a diet," Dr. Thomas Erwin, gynecologist, explained. "If a teenaged mother sets her own diet, she may have birth complications, and she and her baby may die from illness, injuries and a lack of pre-natal care."

After Trina had a healthy seven-pound baby boy at 17, she gave credit to her doctor for constantly warning her about junk

food. "My doctor told me to drink milk, orange juice and water instead of pop," Trina said. "He helped me understand why I need certain vitamins and calcium for the baby."

Trina also needed that special diet for her own body. Because her body was not yet physically mature at the time of her pregnancy, she had many of the same nutrition needs as the fetus in her body — calcium for bone growth, protein for body tissues, and grain products for energy.

Besides malnourished infants and mothers, the March of Dimes Foundation also reports a growing number of teenaged miscarriages. One probable reason is that the girl's reproductive system has not fully matured when she becomes pregnant. But another reason is related to the girl's check-up with her doctor. Since each pregnancy is unique, the kind of special care that a mother needs to take is different for each mother.

Torra Humphry was 16-years-old when she had a miscarriage with her first child. Torra lost her baby after a dance. "I think I walked up and down stairs one time too many," she said. "The next morning I felt cramps, I started to bleed severely, and they rushed me to the hospital. I was alone when my baby came out in a big ball. The doctor examined it, cut it open and told me my baby was dead."

The doctor didn't offer Torra a reason for her miscarriage. She still doesn't know whether it was risky in her physical condition to be attending a dance or moving up and down stairs.

This impersonal kind of care, which often comes too late, has been a problem with teen pregnancies for a long time. Since many of these pregnancies are accidental and unwanted, teens often hide it rather than getting medical help from a family doctor who could develop a good relationship with the mother. The pregnant teen also needs a parent's medical insurance or welfare card to get a doctor's appointment, and that also means breaking the news at home.

In order to solve this problem, private and public agencies have offered their help to teens who think they might be pregnant. (See page 10 for a list of agencies.) These agencies came into being because the number of pregnant teens is up 13 percent in the past ten years.

One of the biggest programs in Chicago, called WIC (Women, Infants and Children), has federal money to help teen women from low-income families. "Adolescent mothers are usually eligible right off the bat for the program," said Judy McDonald, administrator of W.I.C. Applications are available at the Chicago Health Dept., Daley Center, Room 228 and the Mile-Square Health Center, 2045 W. Washington. For other clinics and hospitals in the Chicago area check the list below.

If these services prevent teens from having sickly or handicapped infants, then the taxpayer is the winner as well as the child and the young parents. "The state will

have to pay out more money for babies that have to be hospitalized," said Frances Ginther, a nurse at the Chicago Department of Health. "Often the teenaged mother doesn't realize that if her baby gets sick with diarrhea at four months that the baby can be close to dying." The hospital costs for an infant that's in and out of the hospital regularly can run into thousands of dollars per year.

"It is safer, less expensive and wiser to take good care of a mother and her child-to-be right from the beginning," said Ginther.



Art by Miguel Castro

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Youths keep dreams in face of death

'They deal with chronic illness differently than adults.'

by Keith Harper

At holiday times it's not easy to think about death. But some teens in Chicago face the fact of death every day because they are terminally ill.

Chaplain James Arnold of Lutheran General Hospital is part of a special unit for teenagers who are chronically ill. After eleven years of work with teens who are facing death he knows a lot about how they react.

"For teens, the fact that they might lose their hair is more threatening to them than dying," he said. "Teens don't want to look different."

"They deal with chronic illness differently than adults on the whole," he said. "I think that's mainly because adults have had time to live life and they have some sort of philosophy which they live by. But teens have more anger — justified anger because they feel cheated out of part of their life and some of their dreams."

"Their emotions will swing from strong anger to a brooding depression. I call these emotions 'God's shock absorber,' because it lets them take in as much heart and pain as they can stand at one time."

"Adults can get focused on the effect that their illness is having on their marriages, their families and their jobs. But a teen sees death as his or her own individual problem."

Chaplain Arnold says that he works closely with the teens' parents trying to make them see that a teen never wants to be treated differently even if s/he is chronically ill. "Some families are drawn more closely together when this happens and others are torn apart. It's natural for parents to become more protective of their children when they are in danger and in pain," he said.

But the protective attitude of parents can rob sick teens of the chance to make decisions of their own, and chronically ill teens still want to go ahead with most of their plans and still want to keep most of their goals in tact, according to Chaplain Arnold.

"The fact that they want to live life fully is in itself a great inspiration to me," he said.

'I wanted everyone to treat me normal.'

by Pasha Dunbar

"I would be real tired after running field and track; I lost ten pounds and had fevers of 101° every day. My mom thought I had mononucleosis. I thought it was the flu. I had no idea it was something serious."

However, for Margaret Reynolds at age 14 it was serious. Doctors at Children's Memorial Hospital diagnosed her symptoms



as "Acute Lymphatic Leukemia." Margaret is now a 17-year-old senior at Glenbrook North high school, and she is willing to share her experiences in facing fear and pain over leukemia.

"I was trying out for my grammar school basketball team, and I was already on the track team when my symptoms were diagnosed. I thought, 'Oh, this could never happen to me! It's got to be someone else.'"

Margaret was transferred to Children's Memorial Hospital for five days of observation and tests.

During the first few days before she was told how serious her symptoms were, she thought about dying. "I was scared to die. I wondered how would my family cope if I died. I saw other kids in the hospital every day who knew they were dying. One 14-year-old girl in the hospital knew she was going to die but she was very positive about it — she never mentioned dying. She just tried to live her life as normally as possible."

After the doctors explained that her symptoms could be treated, Margaret said she had faith in the Lord, her doctor and herself that she would be well again.

But the first five days of tests and observations were only the beginning. For nine weeks on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Margaret had to return to Children's Memorial for chemotherapy treatment. "The treatments upset my stomach," she explained, "and the radiation treatments I took the first three weeks caused me to lose my hair."

Margaret's parents and her two sisters and two brothers tried to treat her normally, but she knew they were worried about her. "I got more attention than my sisters and brothers."

In eighth grade she was forced to miss two days of school a week in order to attend treatments. "My friends were very supportive, concerned, and worried. My best friend, Colleen Philbin, went out of her way to be nice to me. She would send flowers and cards when I got sick. I just wanted everyone to treat me like a normal person. I didn't want any special treatment," she said.

Margaret's case is a fortunate one. After three years of treatment she was completely cured of leukemia. Her experiences have persuaded her of many goals for her future. "I've decided to become a psychologist. I'm a Peer Group Counselor for freshmen at my school now. I think my bout with leukemia and chemotherapy treatments had a lot to do with my ability to deal with people and their problems."

'I thought I was too young to die...'

by Pasha Dunbar

"People who didn't know what was wrong with me thought I was a cripple. They were very standoffish. Strangers would walk up to me and ask strange questions like, 'How do you go to the bathroom?' or 'How can you stand to wear that cast?' At first I was hurt by these remarks, but I had to get used to them."

At the age of ten Donna Rice began having very bad backaches and breathing problems. "I knew something had to be wrong but I thought I had just sprained a back muscle," she said. After observation and tests, doctors at Children's Memorial Hospital diagnosed Donna's symptoms as sclerosis.

Donna wore a body brace from the age of 12 until 14, when she had back surgery. "The doctors told me if I didn't have the back surgery, my life expectancy would be short. It was good that the doctors diagnosed my sclerosis at

an early period of development. If it had been diagnosed much later they wouldn't have been able to operate," she explained.

"I was afraid of dying and leaving my family and friends. I thought I was too young to die, and I spent a lot of time crying."

"My parents felt guilty, and my brothers felt sorry for me because I had to wear a body brace from my neck to below my buttocks for two years."

Donna received home tutoring during her freshman and sophomore years. "In my junior year I started attending classes regularly at Amundson high school. My teachers were very supportive. They always called to see how I was doing and they talked to me when I was depressed."

"However, my friends treated me like an invalid. They thought I couldn't participate in their activities because they were too young to understand what was wrong



with me. Nevertheless, I had no problems adjusting to high school after my cast was removed."

Religion played an important

role in Donna's healing after eight years of complications. "I felt that I had missed my adolescent years. I went straight from a childhood into adulthood overnight. When I was very depressed, I just prayed constantly. Prayer was the only peace I could find."

Donna decided to become a nurse at 12, when she first began wearing her body brace. "Everybody told me not to go into nursing because my back was too weak, but I really felt that I had something to offer people who were sick because I'd been there. It's just as important to understand a patient's emotional needs as their physical needs, and you can't understand them unless you've been through it. I have!"

"Later I realized that going into nursing was a dumb thing to do because of my back so I got out of nursing and went to a lab technician school. I figured that being a lab technician was the next best thing since I'd still have contact with patients. And one day I might even be able to do missionary work."

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Side Tracks

Capt. Video wins \$5,000

Well, gang, it looks like that daily trip to your friendly neighborhood Fun Zone may very well pay off. At least it did for 15-year-old Andy Breyer of Buffalo Grove.

Breyer, a sophomore at Buffalo Grove high school, recently won a \$5,000 scholarship in the International Atari Asteroids Competition, held in Washington, D.C. Breyer beat out 17 other teens from the U.S. and around the world in a test of skill and determination against "Space Invaders."

Breyer has been playing Atari for two years ever since his family purchased a game unit. Now as part of Andy's prize, they also own an Asteroids Deluxe.

He plans to save the money for college. "But I haven't decided where I want to go yet," he said.



Love says, "Math counts"

Because Chicago public school students haven't been scoring very well in the national ICTM math contest, Dr. Ruth Love has introduced a special math coaching program for talented Chicago math students. Last year only three Chicago public schools participated in the contest out of 200 schools statewide.

The new program, called "Math Counts," is now coaching 51 students from 13 schools including Austin, Corliss, Phillips, South Shore and Dunbar. They have volunteered to receive special math training over 18 weeks in college algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculus and math analysis.

If you would like to participate in the program, contact your math department chairperson or contact Susan Britton (822-5684) or Doris Payne (641-8250).

HELP YOURSELF

Show time

Here's your chance to see a professional play, meet people and gain some job experience. The Goodman Theatre is looking for volunteer ushers for their up-coming plays such as "A House Not Meant to Stand," "Lakeboat" and Moliere's "Scaramelle."

To get in on the action call the Goodman (443-3822) and leave your name and address with them. They will contact you when there is an opening.

Essay Writers

This year, 1981, has been named the "International Year of the Disabled," and here's your chance to express your interest in disabled citizens and qualify for \$2,000 and a free trip to Washington, D.C.

Juniors and seniors from public and private schools can enter the 34th Annual Journalism Contest, sponsored by the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, titled "Disabled People At Work." You must submit a three-page essay on this subject to the committee.

For more information, contact: President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, Journalism Contest, Washington, D.C. 20210.

Testers 'Act'

If you are willing to challenge yourself to take a test in a course area of your choice such as drama, music, visual arts and science, look into the "Act So" program. This competition is sponsored by the NAACP for Black high school students throughout the country.

Chicago winners will be eligible for an all-expense paid trip to Boston for the national competition and for a \$1000 scholarship.

For more information and applications write NAACP, Act So Program, 407 S. Dearborn, Chicago, IL 60605.

Peace!

Suppose that one of your goals was to win the Nobel Peace Prize, what would you do in your life-time to earn this award? Or, how would you call for an end to the nuclear arms race? Chicago's new Peace Museum is sponsoring a poster and essay contest, based on these two questions.

The contest, which opens Feb. 5, asks that you write an essay on the Nobel Peace Prize or design a poster encouraging an end to the nuclear arms race.

Your entries must be submitted through your high school in order to be accepted. Deadline for entry is April 9. For more information, contact Marianne Philbin at 440-1860.

Help for college

The Bell and Howell Educational Scholarship Organization is offering scholarships to students interested in attending one of their schools (DeVry in Chicago). Applicants must have an average or better ACT or SAT score, present a high school transcript and show interest in attending an electronics school.

For applications and information contact the Bell & Howell Group at 328-8100.

The Chicago Bulls may be able to help you get into college. High school seniors who will be attending college in the spring, summer, or fall of 1982 may apply for an NBA scholarship that can be used at any college.

You can receive an entry form by contacting the Bulls basketball team at 346-1122 or writing NBA Scholarships, 645 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022. You must also submit your high school transcript, a teacher's recommendation, and a 500 word essay on "The Importance of A College Education."

Deadline for entry is February 28.

Teacher/parent night gets a C-

New Expression polled a sampling of public high school students to find out what happened at the city's first parent-teacher report card interviews. **The Tribune** and **The Sun-Times** seemed only to care about the grade school interviews. Here's what five Chicago teens said:

Betty Seay, freshman at South Shore: "It took my mother three hours to get my grades. There were long lines everywhere and big crowds like the first day of school." (Don't all really good events have long lines?)

Gloria Robinson, senior at Collins: "We just went to my division and got my grades. I didn't have to go see all my teachers because my grades were good." (Teachers don't need to talk to parents about good work?)

Kenny Beach, junior at Carver: "My mother was mad because we got back

late. She had to work until five." (I never promised you a rose garden!)

Willie Crockett, senior at Lane Tech: "Some teachers left early so for parents that came late there weren't many teachers to talk to." (What's a union for anyway?)

Sophomore at South Shore: "I got an F in Spanish so we had to go talk to my teacher. She told a bunch of lies on me and my mother embarrassed me in front of my friends who were waiting in the room for their interviews." (Muy mal, senorita!)

Junior at Harlan: "I won't know my grades until January. Nobody in my family could come. I'm really angry!" (Where are you when I need you, James Bond?)

The school board's attempt to "build a stronger teacher/parent relationship" seems to need some patching from these students' points of view.



Speak Easy

To submit your "Speak Easy" ad, mail your message or drop off your message at New Expression, 207 S. Wabash, Chicago 60604. Rates are \$2 for the first 20 words, \$2.50 for 25

words and \$3 for 30 words (10 cents a word beyond 30).

Money must be submitted along with the message. Include your name and address with your mes-

sage. Members of New Expression's staff at your school will help (see page 9 for names). New Expression reaches 70,000 teens in Chicago.

PERSONALS

To the graduating seniors: Let's live it up at Westinghouse. Let's smoke through graduation.

To Lana, the only girl for me. Love and all my heart. It's been a great month. Anthony (H.P.)

Patrice Truss, and the rest of you Marshall people: Beware of the Dolphins. Need I say more? Basketball's our game.

We're the stars of '82. The Corliss Drama Guild.

S.R.

New Town is the best district to live in in Chicago. A true New Towner.

C.M.

Dear Ronald and Nancy, How's the china set? Say "Hi" to David Stockman and Richard Allen for me!

Willie C.

Victory! Punk is dead!

Keith Kysel

Edward, Deja Vu!

Murneace

Will someone please teach Ray Laurent how to tackle right so he can stop jersey tackling.

To all the non-playing football players at Lindblom, better luck next time.

Anonymous

To crazy Reese, Little Face, Derrick, Herb and the rest of the "87th" stay scandalous. From Big Thom. Ay!

J.B.

Mrs. Price, Mrs. Douglas and Mr. Wagner, you're the best at what you do and don't stop.

Anthony Cannon

Merry Christmas to the C.V.S. band.

C.A.

Eric McLendon, you're the greatest. Stay as you are. What we have is for keeps.

Daisy

To Fredrika and Anette, I have not forgotten my promise. Watch for me!

Keith

To Mrs. Offett, knowing you has been the greatest asset to me since my canopy bedroom set.

Murneace

To Mrs. O'Banion, thanks for teaching Spanish. You're okay!

"Gracias"

Lane Tech Seniors: Rockin' 82

C.J.

Wise up Adrian and Max. You're not in Whitney Young, so hit the books.

To Crystal, thank you for the "IZOD", but you should buy some clothes yourself.

S.T.

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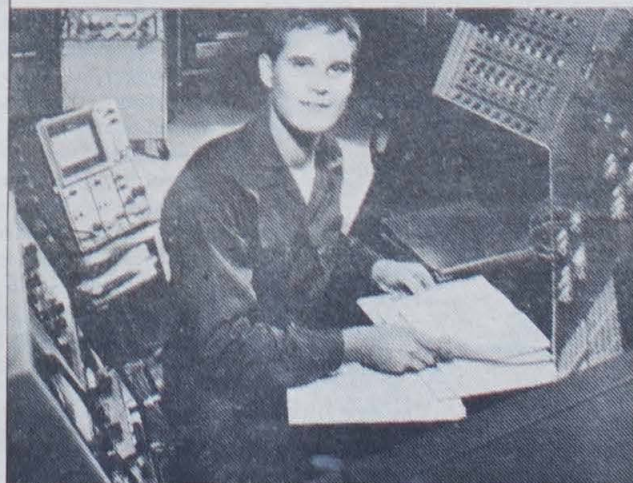
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Breaking Away

Brian Lewis

College: serious stuff

Before I entered college 15 weeks ago, my strongest impressions about college life came from movies and TV programs such as "Breaking Away," "The Paper Chase" and "Animal House."

My impressions from "Breaking Away" led me to think that college would be full of self-centered, snobbish people. I was partly correct. There is a small percentage of people here at Western Illinois University who hang in little groups. They remind me of the way these same kind of groups used to hang out in study hall.

Another impression I had came from

"The Paper Chase." I thought that college class work would be outrageously difficult and time-consuming. I remember the pressure on those law students staying up most of the night racking their brains for the next day's class. But I haven't felt that type of pressure so far. My schedule gives me so much free time that I'm usually done studying by 8 pm. (Although I do know that free time can be a killer. I had to learn not to waste those hours because getting behind in classes at this university is sure suicide.)

My "Animal House" impression of how college would be was party, party, party.

And people do party a lot during the week as well as on the weekend. But the actual dances are very much like the dances I hated in high school — with hundreds of strangers packed into a dark gymnasium. (I thought I was leaving those dance-in-the-dark parties back in Chicago.)

So much for the movies! What really amazes me about my response to college is something that my brother told me when he was a freshman, a message that I didn't pay much attention to at the time.

When my brother was a freshman he had a roommate who was always protesting something. I called the guy a "fanatic." My brother said to me, "At least he is standing up for something that he feels strongly about." My brother seemed to be lecturing me, and so I ignored the comment.

Now I'm not ignoring it. Most of the students I have met here seem to have a serious commitment to what they're here for. Until I saw the same people sitting in the library for hours at a time, almost every day of the week, I would never have believed it. Their example has taught me to think more seriously about school and what I want to do with my life. And for me, that's one huge step.

I suppose that some 18-year-olds arrive in college with a strong sense of where they're heading and with a commitment to work as hard as they can to achieve those

goals. I wasn't one of them. During high school I was surrounded by a lot of others whose goals were pretty confused, who were more concerned about their pinball scores than making plans for their future. I think that if I had stayed home I might have settled for this confused and unfocused style of living.

Now it's really refreshing for me to meet a girl at a party (with the lights on) and talk to her about something other than who is calling her names behind her back. It's nice to talk to girls who don't think that the only reason a guy talks to them is to have sex with them later. They must think they're worth more than that, and in turn, I think so, too.

So far, I think that going away to school is the single most positive thing that has happened to me in a very long time. Learning to become committed and motivated to attain my life goals is as important a thing as I'll ever learn.

Editors' note: We had a hard time believing that this very serious piece had actually come from Brian. His comments on the envelope, however, were more familiar: "Warning: a masterpiece enclosed from the creator of 'Bobbing for Fecal Greaseballs in Lake Michigan'" and "Important: someone get me a poster from the Chicago Film Festival, please (his spelling), and hold it in a safe place til I get back."



The Second Glance

Eunice Crockett

The final shock

The other day I had an awful dream. The dream is still as vivid as ever, and just thinking about it has been as bad as reliving it all over again.

But I must be brave! I have nothing to be worried about. The way things are going, it won't happen again for another two years.

There we all were, standing outside of school waiting for the bell to ring. Suddenly, a huge Magi-Kist sign, which hung above the main entranceway, flashed a grizzly message across the screen in huge, bold letters: DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF SCHOOL FUNDS, THE ACTIVITY FEE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM SIX TO EIGHT DOLLARS.

Everyone began to push and shove their

way into the building as though they were afraid of what the next Magi-Kist message might say.

As we approached our lockers, we found a thick, red, cardboard notice taped to each of them. The notice read: IN ORDER TO SUPPLY SUFFICIENT SCHOOL FUNDS, LOCKERS WILL NOW CARRY A FEE OF TWO DOLLARS.

In place of the lock a little tag dangled from the latch. The tag read: ALSO, IN ORDER TO INSURE MAXIMUM SECURITY, A FOUR DOLLAR SCHOOL LOCK WILL NOW BE A REQUIRED PURCHASE.

(By then I was violently tossing in my sleep!!!)

As I staggered to the program office, close to tears, I was stopped by two big, burly policemen, who paraded back and forth in front of the door carrying signs that read: DUE TO RISING PRINTING COSTS, THERE WILL NOW BE A 50¢ CHARGE FOR ALL CLASS PROGRAMS. PROGRAMS WILL ONLY BE ISSUED UPON PAYMENT.

I couldn't be late for my first period class, especially on the first day, so I ran up the steps and was stopped by a huge, crusty man holding a bath tub.

"What now?" I screamed.

"If you want to pass through this here hall," he said, "YOU OWE A MINIMUM OF A DOLLAR A DAY FOR CARPET CLEANING COSTS."

"No, I won't pay a cent!" I shouted.

"Well, if you don't," he grunted, "you'll just have to take the long way around, girly."

"But I'll be late!"

"Tough!" he said through his teeth, and went to collect another fee.

I arrived at class out of breath and ten minutes late. But the door was locked, and on the windows, scrawled in crayon, was another message.

"I won't read it," I muttered to the silly sign.

"Oh yes you will," the hideous teacher shouted, baring her green teeth, the exact shade of a dollar bill. The message read:

DUE TO RISING COSTS OF ATTENDANCE BOOKS, TARDY STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY A FIFTY-CENTS CHARGE TO ALL OF THEIR TEACHERS.

I walked into the room, queasy stomach and all, and took a seat. All of the students were crying. I was handed a crumpled sheet of paper with a wet, used stamp slapped on it. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A GRADE, A FIVE DOLLAR FEE WILL BE REQUIRED EACH SEMESTER. P.S. — YOU ALSO OWE THE TEACHER TWENTY CENTS FOR THE STAMP.

I blacked out. But not for long. I was hit in the face with a ten dollar bill. My nose began to bleed heavily. I ran out of the class screaming and dashed to the ladies room. But I couldn't budge the door. It was controlled by a coin machine. Next to the large coin slot was the inscription. DEPOSIT TWO QUARTERS FOR ADMISSION.

By then I was delirious. I ran out of the building towards the bus stop. Now the worst part of the nightmare! As I boarded the bus, the bus driver gave me a large, toothpaste smile and said: HELLO. IT'S TOTALLY-UNNECESSARY TO SHOW ME YOUR BUS CARD. I TRUST YOU.

That's when I passed out for good. I woke up in a cold sweat. It was undoubtedly the worst nightmare ever! Imagine, a bus driver smiling!

Letters

Let's Integrate

I feel that it is a sad state of affairs when parents say that they want everything for their children, but they deny them a necessary privilege. That privilege being the opportunity to be acquainted with children of other ethnic cultures.

Many of our black and white adults did not grow up in a multi-racial atmosphere. They do not get along too well with members of other races. They seem to want to keep up the tradition of racial tension.

In our ever-changing society, it seems necessary for blacks and whites to be able to get along. Yet, parents are making this impossible by keeping their children at home because of school redistricting.

Sitting by a white child or a black child does not increase one's learning capacity. However, it does increase a child's tolerance and understanding of people who are ethnically unlike themselves.

As a youngster, I attended an integrated school. I found the experience to be a rewarding one. My Caucasian counterparts had a great deal in common with me. It never dawned on me that some of my best friends were not black. It really was not important. It didn't dawn on me that this was the case until I became older, after I had transferred to a segregated school.

My new friends were talking about "this hunky" or "that hunky" and how much they hated white people because they had never been around white people. I gathered that they had evidently picked up their negative feelings from their parents. With those feelings one can not expect to get very far in a world where race should be of secondary

importance.

Because the school system is segregated, children grow up accepting the stereotypes that their parents have acquired. Since some parents were unable to become acquainted with other cultures, the chance for their children to do this should not be denied to them.

I look at re-districting not as an opportunity for children to obtain a better education, but instead, I look at it as a chance for them to be educated socially. This knowledge would help all of us to respect each other's ideals and values.

Christine Brewer
Aquinas

Places to go

I'd like to see a story in *New Expression* on places for teenagers to go out. A lot of places require fake identification and I would like to know of some that don't. Chicago's teenagers need a place to go on Friday and Saturday nights, too.

Edward Moody

Student Records

Recently a story in your paper explained who can find out information about a stu-

dent's attendance, attitude, conduct and grades from his school records.

It's unfair! I spend half of my life time in school, can't see my own records and someone else can see them and invade my right to privacy.

New Expression should take a closer look into this story and find out more information on this matter. We need to protect our rights as students and as human beings.

Kenneth C. Dickson
Calumet

We want you!

Would you like to be involved with *New Expression* as a reporter or researcher? Then come to the third all-city staff meeting, Thursday, Feb. 11, at 4 pm (207 S. Wabash on the 8th floor). Call Dawn Biggs or Janet Winston (663-0543) for more information.

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Who speaks for teens?

Who speaks for America's teens? Is it the high school honor students preparing themselves for the Ivy League Colleges?

The publisher of **Who's Who Among American High School Students** has taken an opinion poll of its elite teen members. The results of the poll have been given to newspapers all

over the country.

New Expression reviewed a copy of the poll results, and we do not feel that some of the opinions of the Who's Who teens are typical of the Chicago teens we know.

To test our suspicions, we have reprinted some of the survey questions so that all of you can express your

opinion on the same issues. Our survey is open to all high school students, regardless of grade, age, or grade point average. We'll even take Who's Who members.

Once you complete the survey, return it to Survey, New Expression, 207 S. Wabash (8th fl.) Chicago, IL 60604. We will then put together the results

and report them to you along with the results that **Who's Who** reported. Then you can see how Chicago compares to Who's Who. But you've got to return your surveys to make that happen! Please return your survey by February 1.

1. High school teachers should (check):

- ☐ A. Be evaluated annually by students and subject to dismissal upon the ratings' outcome.
- ☐ B. Be evaluated annually by the school administration and subject to dismissal if rated poorly.
- ☐ C. Be required to complete a number of hours of continuing education in a specified period of time.
- ☐ D. Not be subject to dismissal after achieving tenure.
- ☐ E. Be subject to dismissal even after achieving tenure.
- ☐ F. Be tested at regular intervals to determine competency.
- ☐ G. None of the above.

2. Regarding sex education in the schools, which of the following do you agree with (check):

- ☐ A. Sex education should be taught in the schools.
- ☐ B. Sex education in the schools should include information about contraception, venereal disease, etc.
- ☐ C. Sex education in the schools should be limited to the biological facts of reproduction.
- ☐ D. Parent permission should be required for students to take sex education.
- ☐ E. Sex education should not be taught in the schools.
- ☐ F. Sex education in the schools should include various views on moral values.

3. Are you in favor of mandatory draft registration?

- ☐ A. Yes
- ☐ B. No

4. If the draft were reinstated, would you favor it:

- ☐ A. For men only
- ☐ B. For men and women
- ☐ C. For neither

5. Are you in favor of capital punishment (death penalty)?

- ☐ A. Yes
- ☐ B. No

6. Do you think smoking marijuana

should be legalized?

- ☐ A. Yes, for everyone's use
- ☐ B. Yes, for use by those 18 years or older
- ☐ C. No

7. If marijuana were legalized would you use it?

- ☐ A. Yes
- ☐ B. No

8. Agree with the following statements regarding hand guns? (Check those you accept)

- ☐ A. All hand guns should be registered.
- ☐ B. There should be stricter penalties for crimes involving hand guns.
- ☐ C. Only law enforcement officers should be permitted to carry hand guns.
- ☐ D. Every citizen should be allowed to own a hand gun whether registered or not.
- ☐ E. Even if we have mandatory hand gun registration, criminals will still get guns and use them.
- ☐ F. All hand guns should be banned.

9. How much confidence do you have in the clergy?

- ☐ A. Great deal
- ☐ B. Some
- ☐ C. Very little
- ☐ D. None

10. Do you favor legalized abortion?

- ☐ A. Yes
- ☐ B. No

11. In the case of third world conflicts in which a Communist nation is involved offering aid and/or troops to one faction, the U.S. should (check):

- ☐ A. Send "military advisors" if the Communists do.
- ☐ B. Support the faction receiving Communist backing if that faction is the most popular.
- ☐ C. Send fighting troops.
- ☐ D. Not get involved at all.

12. Are you in favor of using nuclear power as an energy source?

- ☐ A. Yes
- ☐ B. No

13. Five areas in which you would spend your federal tax dollars would be (check):

- ☐ A. Defense budget
- ☐ B. Foreign aid
- ☐ C. Public schools/Education
- ☐ D. Welfare programs
- ☐ E. Energy conservation
- ☐ F. Environmental protection/mass transit
- ☐ G. Aid to cities for rejuvenation
- ☐ H. Social Security Administration
- ☐ I. Energy resource development

14. Today many couples live together without marrying. What is your opinion? (Check)

- ☐ A. This is morally wrong.
- ☐ B. I would not condemn others, but would not participate.
- ☐ C. It's a healthy relationship, and I would seriously consider it.
- ☐ D. It may prevent future divorces.

15. How much confidence do you have in print media? (Newspapers, books, and magazines)

- ☐ A. Great deal
- ☐ B. Some
- ☐ C. Very little
- ☐ D. None

16. How much confidence do you have in broadcast media? (Television and radio)

- ☐ A. Great deal
- ☐ B. Some
- ☐ C. Very little
- ☐ D. None

17. Pre-marital sex is acceptable (check)

- ☐ A. If couples are going steady
- ☐ B. If couples plan to marry
- ☐ C. Under any circumstances where there is mutual consent
- ☐ D. Never

18. If your school district's budget were cut, which of the following cuts would you suggest? (Check)

- ☐ A. Limit teachers/enlarge class size
- ☐ B. Decrease number of administrators
- ☐ C. Shorten the school year
- ☐ D. Decrease number of counselors

19. How would you deal with school violence?

- ☐ A. Expel the troublemakers
- ☐ B. Increase homework loads
- ☐ C. Have guards patrol school buildings and grounds
- ☐ D. Stiffen local laws that penalize students under 18
- ☐ E. Decrease school enrollment
- ☐ F. Allow undercover policemen

20. Rate the quality of your high school education

- ☐ A. Excellent
- ☐ B. Good
- ☐ C. Fair
- ☐ D. Poor

21. Full time housework is a demanding occupation

- ☐ A. Yes
- ☐ B. No

22. Working in the house and raising children can be totally fulfilling.

- ☐ A. Yes
- ☐ B. No

23. Men and women are of equal intelligence

- ☐ A. Yes
- ☐ B. No

24. The feminist movement has (check)

- ☐ A. Been unfair to males
- ☐ B. Had a positive effect on male-female relationships
- ☐ C. Had a negative effect on male-female relationships

25. Should the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) be passed?

- ☐ A. Yes
- ☐ B. No

26. Do you think that college admission should be based on

- ☐ A. High school performance
- ☐ B. College entrance exams
- ☐ C. Both

27. Do you think your school has (check)

- ☐ A. Prepared you for college
- ☐ B. Not prepared you for college
- ☐ C. Prepared you for a job
- ☐ D. Not prepared you for a job

My school is _____
Fr _____ Soph _____ Jr _____ Sr _____

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ABUSE/ASSAULT

Rape victims can call Crisis Intervention (794-3609, 24-hour hotline).

Victims of beatings or sexual assault by parents can call Youth in Crisis (484-7400, 24-hour hotline).

C.A.U.S.E.S., 911 W. Wellington, offers counseling and treatment for abused teens (772-6924, ask for Labrie).

Abused teens can call the Illinois Dept. of Children and Family Services, 1206 S. Damen (793-2100).

Juvenile Protection Assn., 12 E. Grand, will assist abused teens (467-9595).

ALCOHOL/DRUGS

Families Anonymous offers counseling by phone (848-9090, 24-hour hotline).

Appointments for counseling, call Alternatives, Inc., 1126 W. Granville (973-5400, ask for Bruce Kuhl).

Yes, Inc., has an outpatient treatment program, call Better Way, 11030 S. Longwood, for teen alcoholics (881-2080). 24-hour phone.

Alateen, 4259 Archer, is a group that helps teens deal with alcoholism in their families (890-1141).

Catholic Charities, 645 W. Randolph, has a drug addiction prevention program (236-5172, ask for Ray Soucek).

Crisis intervention and suicide programs, 4200 N. Oak Park Ave., has a program for teens (24-hour hotline, 794-3609).

Concerned Young Adults, 935 E. 63rd, offers a drug prevention program (288-3315, ask for Nina Stevens).

Forkash Memorial Hospital, 2544 W. Montrose, has an Adolescent Alcoholism Care Unit (call 722-CARE).

The Youth Services Project, Inc. offers drug counseling (772-6270).

COLLEGE COUNSELING

Help in choosing schools and financial counseling through Ada S. McKinley Center, 2961 S. Dearborn (225-3477, call for an appointment).

Financial aid counseling through Accounters Community Center, 1155 W. 81st (994-5515, ask for Dr. McClinton).

The Chicago Urban League offers counseling

on financial aid and scholarships (call 723-0300, ask for Sandrell Green).

The Illinois State Scholarship Commission, 203 N. Wabash, offers counseling to students who are applying for financial assistance through the state scholarship program (793-3745).

CONSUMER PROBLEMS

Have any complaints about stores, environment, credit? Call 744-4092 to voice your complaint.

Having problems getting a banking account because of your age? Call Reports of State Bank Irregularities at 793-2043.

HOUSING

Gateway House Maze II, 3162 N. Broadway, has an arrangement for temporary shelter (929-1865, ask for Stacy Balonick).

Housing for those with a drug abuse problem can be found at the Gateway House, 1706 N. Kedzie (ask for Diane Schwartz, 227-6040).

New Life House, 1025 W. Sunnyside, has housing for ages 13-17 (271-6165).

Booth Memorial Hospital, 5040 N. Pulaski, has housing for unwed mothers (725-7441, ask for Ms. Barushak).

Youth in Crisis, Inc., 7139 W. 34th, has housing for teens (484-7400).

Kaleidoscope, Inc., has housing services for teens (668-1243).

Yes, Inc., can arrange housing for males and females up to age 18 (881-2050).

New Life House offers a place to stay for youth between 13 and 17 (271-6165).

JOBS/CAREERS

Job readiness/career placement thru Jane Addams Center Youth Dept., 3212 N. Broadway (549-1631, ask for Beth Montgomery).

Internship experience in a career of your choice thru Boy Scouts of America (782-3990, ask for Miss Wilson).

Kaleidoscope, Inc., 600 W. Jackson, Suite #507, has counseling and job placement services (648-1243).

Jobs for Youth, 28 E. Jackson, offers a job readiness program for 16-21-yr.-olds who are high school dropouts, also G.E.D. tutoring for teens (322-0100).

The Emerson House, 645 N. Wood, offers G.E.D. tutoring for teens (421-3551).

LEGAL AID

Street Law, Lewis Towers, Loyola University (670-2707).

Aunt Martha's Legal Clinic is part of the Youth Services Center (747-2701).

For assistance with student rights, the American Friends Service Committee, 407 S. Dearborn, offers assistance (427-2533).

Local Motion, 3212 N. Broadway, assists teens with student and citizens rights (327-7070).

The centre, inc. provides advocacy assistance for youth (728-7604).

MEDICAL AID

Planned Parenthood has services for teens — birth control and gynecologist services (322-4232 or 322-4200).

Kaleidoscope offers medical services, medical and dental examinations, and nutritional services (24-hour phone, 684-1243).

The Response Center, 7457 S. Western, has venereal disease & pregnancy testing (338-2292).

Illinois Dept. of Public Aid has medical assistance for low income families (793-3030).

V.D. Confidential hot line (744-8500).

PERSONAL

Metro-Help, 2210 N. Halsted, offers a 24-hour hotline (929-5150) that deals with many of the conflicts that teens have.

The Family Link, 8836 S. Ashland, offers family or individual counseling. They also have G.E.D. classes (call 881-3902, ask for Mrs. Herte).

Tap Roots, 2424 W. Polk, offers services for teen mothers such as baby care and tutoring for school (call 666-6647 and ask for Sister Jean or Sister Monica).

National Runaway Switchboard, 2210 N. Halsted, has help for teens on the run. (800-972-6004, 800-621-4000, 929-5150).

Youth Guidance offers family, individual and group counseling in Austin, Cabrini, Albany Park, Westtown and Southeast Chicago areas (call 427-1082, ask for a counselor).

The Youth Services Project, Inc. offers individual, group and family counseling (772-

6270).

Northwest Youth Outreach YMCA, 6417 W. Irving Park also offers individual, group and family counseling (772-7112).

RECREATION/LEISURE

The American Red Cross Youth Services, 43 E. Ohio, has courses in swimming, first aid, and bike safety (440-2000).

The centre, inc., 1116 W. Leland, has a pool, ping pong, music and cards, September thru June (728-7604, ask for Susan Dunlap).

Erie Neighborhood House (Teen Dept.), 1347 W. Erie, has a karate team, basketball league, and outdoor camping. Also employment services are available (666-3430, ask for Gregorid Gomez).

Concerned Young Adults, 935 E. 63rd, has a year-round sports program (288-3315, ask for Paul Oliver).

SEXUALITY

Catholic Charities has pregnancy counseling (454-1717).

Private Line is a confidential hot line (248-0090).

The Response Center, 7457 S. Western has V.D. treatment and birth control counseling (338-2292).

Birthright of Chicago offers confidential help for any pregnancy (233-0305).

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, 536 S. Clark, has a program called W.I.C. designed to help pregnant teens with nutritional programs for themselves and their babies. There are four schools in the Chicago area that offer this program: Tubman, 4607 S. Greenwood (538-1560); Simpson, 1321 S. Paulina (243-0146); Bousfield, 1415 E. 70th St. (324-0100); and Arts of Living School for Pregnant Girls, 721 N. LaSalle (337-3050).

The Illinois Family Planning Council, 401 N. Wabash, Suite 500, has a directory of community health centers that will offer pregnancy assistance (170-4200).

Adolescent Family Planning at Rush/St. Luke Presbyterian Hospital, 1753 W. Congress, offers nutritional and pre-natal care (942-6067).

Booth Memorial Hospital, 5040 N. Pulaski, has a program in family planning and nutrition (24-hour phone, 725-7441).

The Sex-Info-Line is a confidential service on sex related questions (929-8907).

Save this page!

Teen writer creates new TV show

Would you like to present an idea for a new TV show to a famous Hollywood producer? Well, Dawn DeSousa, 15, a junior at Bogan, will have that chance.

Her winning TV proposal in the Support Chicago "Create Your Own TV Show" contest will be presented to Norman Lear, the man who produces "The Jeffersons" and "Archie

Bunker's Place." She'll also take home a Sears' Best Betta Home Video Cassette Recorder.

NEW EXPRESSION is pleased to publish Dawn's winning entry with her permission. Arrangements were made possible through the cooperation of Rosanna Robinson, who chaired the contest for the professional women who form Support Chicago.

1st Place Dawn DeSousa Bogan High School

This television show is a weekly comedy series revolving around a unique super heroine, Geritol Granny (alias Martha Crumpey). This innocent-looking little old lady has worked for many years as a cleaning lady at the 1st District Chicago Police Headquarters. During the day she overhears stories involving the crimes committed against senior citizens. At night, she becomes 'Geritol Granny,' fighting for justice for the aged.

Some of her super-human powers are: bionic bifocals which give her X-ray vision; a bulletproof pacemaker; a pair of nuclear knitting needles with which she can "freeze" a criminal on the spot; and a rocket-powered rocking chair to get her to the scene of the crime in a split second.

Her costume consists of a crocheted shawl, which serves as a cape when spread open. Under the shawl Granny wears an unobtrusive-looking rain coat which has many secret pockets for carrying her various crime-fighting gadgets: a large straw sun hat with a built-in police receiver; a pair of super support pantyhose; and finally, a pair of black Dr. Scholl's with multi-purpose laces (for tying up crooks, scaling walls, etc.).

The locale for the show is Chicago, an excellent base because of its many diverse architectural structures which provide just the right background for the various "show-downs" between Granny and the villains

she encounters. For example, picture a stand-off on the roof of Sears Tower between Granny and a young thug who had just dognapped an old lady's pet poodle.

Other featured characters include two bumbling police officers Granny befriended while doing her job as cleaning lady and a crabby police sergeant who doesn't like old people because of his secret fear of getting old himself.

One main character is Mr. Moore, the janitor of the governmentally subsidized apartment building in which Mrs. Crumpey and her daughter live (a pretty seedy part of town). Mr. Moore begins to suspect Granny's secret identity; at first he dismissed his evidence as coincidence, but he finally confronts her with his suspicions and she confesses the truth — she is 'Geritol Granny, the Savior of Senior Citizens.' Throughout the series, Mr. Moore serves as a confidant to Granny as well as assisting her in many dangerous situations.

Another character focussed upon is Catherine Crumpey, the middle-aged spinster daughter of our super heroine. Catherine is overly protective of her mother and treats her as if she were a child because of Granny's sometimes unusual actions. By trying to maintain her secret, Granny is often forced to make up stories, and Catherine usually discovers they aren't true and this is what leads her to believe Granny is somewhat senile (here is where many of the comedy scenes are played up).

The first show, or pilot, of the series comically explains how Granny developed her secret formula: In an attempt to find a cure for her arthritis, Granny took out her Junior

'Geritol Granny'



Art by Miguel Castro

Scientist Chemistry Lab set and mixed her Geritol with a strange herb from the Orient, took a spoonful, and to her utter amazement she became superpowered. Before fighting crime and corruption Martha just swallows a spoonful of this mixture and within minutes she is transformed to our super heroine, 'Geritol Granny.'

Although the show is basically a comedy, it subtly tries to expose some of the more serious crimes perpetrated against senior citizens. Some of her adversaries include young street gang members who bully the elderly and deface the neighborhood; various types of con men who enter their homes with false credentials, such as a gas man, repair man, etc. and then either cheat them out of their money or rob them; muggers and purse snatchers who find people over 65 easy targets for their crimes; and the ever-present mail box thief who waits for the monthly Social Security checks to be delivered.

Some of the comedy aspects come in, for

instance, when our Granny is seen jetting across town in her rocket-powered rocking chair by a young child who tries to get his mother's attention, but all he gets is "Donald, what an imagination you have."

To sum the series up, although this program can be very comical at times, it also presents a serious problem in today's society — abuse and neglect of the elderly.

Other Winners

2nd Place: Karen Chorley, Bogan, untitled.

3rd Place: Carolyn Kohn, Mather, "The Girl Most Likely to..."

Honorable Mention: Kevin Choy, Mather; Steve Nesnidal, Bogan; Lisa Velarde, Lincoln Park; Julie Anne Rolek, Lincoln Park; Victoria Beth Ornstein, Lake View; Curtis R. Tatum, Whitney Young and Raydene Edenhofer, Foreman.

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MUSIC

by Leonard Murphy

Here are December's reviews, previews, upcoming music events and all the news about the good guys and bad guys of the recording world.

Blondie — Deborah Harry, the wacky lead singer is now in Toronto, Canada, and as you read this column, she will be starring in "Videodrone," a new film written and directed by David ("Scanners") Cronenberg. Jimmy Destri, lead guitarist, will soon come out with a solo album called "Heart on a Wall" . . . And drummer Clem Burke is on a road tour with Iggy Pop.

Pat Benatar — Neil Geraldts, who's been with her band for some time, will now join Chrysalis as a producer. What album he will produce is still unannounced.

After his big success in the "Endless Love" duet with Diana Ross, Lionel Richie, the Commodores' lead singer, may turn to a solo career soon. He has taken the first step by hiring Kenny Rogers' manager, Ken Krager. By the way, "Endless Love" is still on the charts, but it has dropped rapidly to #21.

For those gift-conscious Valentines on your mind, records may be your best buy. Here are just a few from the cupid's notebook (that's me):



- For hard rock 'n' rollers try "Diary of a Madman" by Ozzy Osbourne, "Tattoo You" by the Rolling Stones (Rolling Stones Records), "Tonight I'm Yours" by Rod Stewart (Warner Bros.), "Steve Miller Band's Circle of Love" (Capitol) and The Knack's "Round Trip" (Capitol).

- For new wavers there's Kraftwerk's "Computer World" (Warner Bros.), "Dance" by Garry Newman, "Best of Blondie" by Blondie and "The Pretenders II" (Warner Bros.).

- Jazz-lovers will like Ronnie Laws' "Solid Ground" (United Artists), "Standing Tall" by the Crusaders (United Artists) and Al Jarreau's "Breaking Away" (Columbia).



- And those who are into soul should listen to "Never Too Much" by Luther Vandross (Epic), "The Time" (Warner Bros.), "Prince's Controversy" (Warner Bros.), Chic's new album "Take It Off" (Atlantic) and "Slave's Show Time" (Cotillion).

But buyers beware, shop around before buying. You may find a wide range of prices for the same album in different stores.

And one album I would recommend for all music tastes is The Police's new album "Ghost in the Machine." I will admit it wasn't another "Zenyatta Mondatta," but it brings new wave to a certain high. "Every Little Thing She Does Is Magic" is already #2 on the charts. I loved it.

By the way, The Police will be here with The Go-Go's on Feb. 1 at the Rosemont Horizon. But, get ready to pay \$11.50 per ticket. For more information, call the JAM concert hotline at 666-6667. May your New Year shine like my uncle's phoney diamond ring.

MOVIES



Taps

Timothy Hutton and George C. Scott star in this unusual movie about the takeover of a military academy by the school's cadets.

Hutton appears as a somewhat crazy battle-leader who fights against the National Guard. And although Scott is only on the screen for about 15 minutes, his presence is felt throughout the entire film.

Scott's General Bache is a gung-ho type who refuses to give in to pressure by the board of the academy to turn the school building into condos. His "never give-up" speech becomes stuck in Hutton's mind and encourages Hutton to set a unique plan in motion.

Timothy Hutton gives the best performance of his impressive career. There are also good performances from Ronny Cox as a sympathetic but firm Army Colonel who endlessly begs Hutton to give up his battle, and a young actor named Brendan Ward, who is one of the nine-year-old loyal followers of Hutton.

The film is not perfect. Some events are over-played to gain approval from the audience. Scott's lack of participation in the film is another weakness.

The message I got from the movie "Taps" is that kids do count; they do have opinions; and, most of all, they do have feelings. Another message I got from "Taps" is that we need to examine the violent society in which we live.

It's the best movie I've seen since "Ordinary People." Don't miss it.

Oscar Godoy

Absence of Malice

This script could qualify as a movie version of TV's "Lou Grant," a story set in the world of the city newsroom.

"Absence of Malice" stars Sally Field as a hard-hitting ambitious reporter who knows what she wants and is definitely intent on getting it. She finds a challenging story about the son of a late gangster, played by tough guy Paul Newman.

The movie raises the question of whether newspapers in their search for truth can produce a falsehood.



Photo by Kenn Duncan

Dance at the Chicago Theater during Loop Alive.

The performances are rather well done. Sally Field's portrayal of Megan Carter is tough, but it also maintains a certain gentleness, which makes it fine. And Paul Newman, as the late gangster's son, brings out the quality that has made him one of the best macho actors around.

Although this movie won't become one of the best of the season, or of the year, Lou Grant would definitely be proud.

Joe Powell

Reds

As a film critic I sometimes find it easy to explain why a movie is good or bad. But with Warren Beatty's newest creation, "Reds," I find it very difficult to explain why the film is so good. In my opinion "Reds" surpasses all of Beatty's previous films including "Heaven Can Wait."

The story is about the life and times of a radical American journalist, John Reed, and his independent, yet loving wife, Louise Bryant. She is also a journalist, but she's in search of good interviews, good connections and fame, while he's a political writer who's caught up in the fight to organize labor unions and to apply the "Workers of the world, unite!" philosophy of Karl Marx. These two really lived in the years surrounding the 1917 Russian Revolution.

The audience finds out more about Reed's love for Bryant than about his dedication to communist ideals. Their love is tested by his faith in the Socialist Party and in the Bolshevik revolution. And as their awareness grows that his reckless passion for this ideal is destroying his health, the film produces a much deeper emotional grip than "Love Story" as the two are parted by death.

Here is a picture that captures an important time in history that has never been real to me — an important time that explains many of our problems today. And here is a picture that captures love and togetherness in a way I'll never forget.

In all, with the excellent performances of Beatty as Reed and Diane Keaton as Bryant, "Reds" turned out to be a "Heaven's Gate" that works.

Leonard Murphy

Loop Alive!

Chicago is planning another party from Thursday, Feb. 11 through Monday, Feb. 15. Everyone is invited to the Loop for music, dance, movies, food, ice skating and drama.

The Chicago Theater will feature well known concert entertainers still to be announced. The United Artist and the State-Lake will offer special film premieres.

The organizers are trying to set up a high school jazz band competition on Feb. 14 and 15 at a Loop location. The windows of Sears Roebuck will hold an exhibit of Chicago youth art, and other department stores plan to have special displays, which are still to be announced.

Restaurants and theaters are cooperating with this special city-fest by lowering prices. All prices will range between \$1 and \$5.

For more information phone 744-4202.

TELEVISION

Mr. Merlin

As I sat down to my small black-and-white TV set to watch the first episode of "Mr. Merlin," I was imagining a re-run of "Bewitched" or "I Dream of Jeannie." To my surprise, "Mr. Merlin" turns out to be just the opposite of these shows in many ways.

Merlin, played by Barnard Hughes, is an elderly wizard who is about as modern as an IBM computer. He's known as Max to his friends, and he works with his apprentice Zac, played by Clark Brander, to work magic whenever it's needed. Max teaches Zac the importance of magic — when and how to use it.

In the Nov. 11 program Max teaches Zac how to make himself invisible. Of course, the invisible Zac hears his best friend and his girl friend making plans for a date, and Zac becomes really hostile. In the end Max helps Zac to be more sporting about his "invisible" information, and Zac is able to find out that the girl is really using both young men as a means of being elected Homecoming Queen.

Try a little of Merlin's magic. I think you'll like it.

Stephanie Yeargin



Fame

Despite its excellent casting, I did not expect the television version of "Fame" to satisfy me. Television has a way of taking a great movie and turning it into a not so great TV series like "Breaking Away" and "Foul Play." Even though "Alice" and "House Calls" have done well, I doubted a hit like "Fame" could survive the transition.

Well, it made it through the change with flying colors. The series is a perfect vehicle for this multi-talented cast. It promises to be the most entertaining blend of drama, song and dance that television has produced in years.

Gene Anthony Ray re-creates the role of Leroy as he did in the motion picture. His rebellious attitude continues to give Miss Sherwood (Carol Mayo Jenkins) problems. And his refusal to wear tights didn't make his dance teacher (Debbie Allen) very happy either.

Erica Gimpel takes over Irene Cara's role as Coco. Gimpel proves herself as capable as Cara, maybe better. She is a talented actress and superb singer.

The show holds only one weakness for me — the attempt at humor. The class comedian (Carlo Imperato) reminds me of one of the silly characters in "Welcome Back, Kotter."

I think NBC has hit the jackpot with a show that does not present a foolish image of teens. Maybe if the show does well in the ratings, the networks will start producing a more honest portrayal of teen life.

Willie Crockett